

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for removably mounting an entertainment device, ~~such as a digital video player or laptop computer,~~ to at least one seat of a vehicle, said entertainment device having a viewing screen portion hinged to a central console portion, said apparatus comprising:

a platform having a generally triangular cross section comprised of a front portion and rear portion which meet at an upper apex, said front portion configured to receive said entertainment device such that the bottom of said console portion is inclined relative to both the horizontal and vertical and said front portion comprising a retaining member with a variable length extending across a region of the front portion, said retaining member configured to removably retain said entertainment device against said front portion.

2. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 1, further comprising a panel connecting said front portion to said rear portion opposite said upper apex.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in Claim 1, wherein the retaining member comprises a strap ~~further comprising a strap for securing said console portion to said front portion.~~

4. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 1, wherein said front portion includes a bump covered by rubbery material.

5. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 1, further comprising at least one strap for securing said platform to a back of one seat.

6. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 1, further comprising at least two straps for securing said platform between two seats.

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7. (Currently amended) ~~An apparatus~~ method for removably mounting an entertainment device, ~~such as a digital video player or laptop computer,~~ to at least one seat of a vehicle, said apparatus having an open configuration and a closed configuration, said method and comprising:

providing an apparatus with a front portion, a rear portion, and a pivoting portion between said front and rear portions;

~~said front portion and rear portion configured to forming~~ a closed container in said closed configuration, by pivoting the front portion or the rear portion so that the front portion is in close proximity with the rear portion, said container sized to receive said entertainment device for transporting said device; and

~~said front portion and rear portion configured to forming~~ a platform in an open configuration by pivoting the front portion or rear portion;

~~said platform adapted to be releasably attached~~ attaching said platform to at least one seat of a vehicle with at least two strap portions extending from said apparatus to said seat; and

~~said platform capable of mounting said entertainment device for use to~~ said platform by positioning said entertainment device between said platform and a retaining member with an adjustable length.

8. (Currently Amended) An method ~~apparatus~~ as in Claim 7, further comprising providing a panel connecting said front portion to said rear portion opposite said pivoting portion ~~upper apex~~ in said open configuration.

9. (Currently Amended) An method apparatus as in Claim 7, wherein said retaining member comprises ~~further comprising a strap for securing said console portion to said front portion in said open configuration.~~

10. (Currently Amended) An method apparatus as in Claim 7, further comprising providing ~~wherein said front portion includes a bump covered by rubbery material on said front portion.~~

11. (Currently Amended) An method apparatus as in Claim 7, further comprising zipping the front portion and the rear portion together in said closed configuration ~~at least one strap for securing said platform to a back of one seat in said open configuration.~~

12. (Currently Amended) An method apparatus as in Claim 7, further comprising attaching the at least two straps portions to the apparatus by loops affixed to the apparatus ~~for securing said platform between two seats in said open configuration.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A suspension platform for removably securing an entertainment device in a passenger vehicle having at least one front seat and at least one rear seat, comprising:

first, second and third panels, each having an interior surface and an exterior surface;

a first flexible connection between a first edge of said first panel and a first edge of a said second panel;

a second flexible connection between a second edge of said second panel and a first edge of said third panel;

a zipper comprised of two sets of engaging teeth, one set on at least the a first sidewall portion permanently affixed to first edge of the second panel and the other set on at least a second sidewall portion permanently affixed to a second edge of the third panel, said zipper configured to removably attach said first and second sidewall portions to each other to thereby form a closed configuration of said second and third panels;

a connector having two engaging portions for connecting the first panel to the second panel;

a first strap for securing said entertainment device to said interior surface of said third panel;

at least a ~~second~~ two strap portions for securing said suspension platform to at least one front seat.

14. (Original) The suspension platform as recited in Claim 13, further comprising a bump on said interior surface of said third panel, wherein said bump is covered with rubbery material.

15. (Original) The suspension platform as recited in Claim 13, wherein the connector is a snap.

16. (Original) The suspension platform as recited in Claim 13, wherein the connector is hook-and-loop material.

17. (New) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the retaining member has a first end permanently affixed to a first side of the front portion and a second end permanently affixed to a second side of the front portion.

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18. (New) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the retaining member comprises two portions removably attached to each other.

19. (New) The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the two portions of the retaining member are removably attached to each other using a hook-and-loop fastener.

20. (New) The method of Claim 7, wherein at least one strap portion extends from the apparatus to the headrest of the seat and another strap portion extends from the apparatus to the bottom region of the seat.